

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/7/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 8/10/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's prediction program, prediction apparatus, and prediction method together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Paul M. Ulrich on August 10, 2006.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3-4 have been amended. Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 in which the multimedia content includes images and text, whereby images ~~can be~~ are viewed on the portable computing device.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 in which the multimedia content includes audio files, whereby sounds ~~may be~~ are reproduced on the portable computing device.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-9 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
the prior arts of records, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following
limitations as claimed:

As to claim 1, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a system for
provisioning electronic field guides comprising:

means for interconnecting the stationary computer and the portable computing
device;

the stationary computer being operable to:

present a map with defined geographic regions;

associate multiple data items with the defined geographic regions, wherein the
multiple data items are selected from the group consisting if plants, animals, insects,
marine life, rock, and minerals;

respond to the selection of one or more of the geographic regions by the end user,
by:

presenting the multiple data items available for the one or more geographic
regions;

downloading multimedia data files corresponding to the multiple data items associated with said one or more geographic regions, to the portable computing device via the means for interconnecting; and the portable computing device being operable to:

- present a listing of the downloaded multiple data items; and
- respond to the selection of one of the downloaded multiple data items by playing the corresponding multimedia data file on the portable computing device, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

As to claim 2, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a method for provisioning electronic field guides comprising the steps of:

- present a map with defined geographic regions to an end user;
- associate multiple data items with the defined geographic regions, wherein the multiple data items are selected from the group consisting of plants, animals, insects, marine life, rock, and minerals; and
- responding to the selection of the multiple data items associated with one of said defined geographic regions by the user, by:
 - downloading multimedia data files corresponding to the one or more of the multiple data items, to a portable computing device;

whereby the portable computing device operable to play the multimedia data files on the portable computing device to the end user in the field, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.


The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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